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1. JUNE 30 I MET WITH BOUBA BELLO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL
IN PRESIDENCY, AND LT.COL. DAOUDA OUSMANOU, DIRECTOR OF
PRESIDENT'S MILITARY CABINET CONCERNING QUESTIONS RAISED REFTTEL
A PARA 4.

2. ON PERCEIVED THREAT TO CAMEROON, BELLO SAID THAT SITUATION
WAS MUCH THE SAME AS LAST YEAR (REFTELS B THROUGH F) WITH
FOLLOWING CHANGES: (A) CHAD WAS CONTINUING TO RECEIVE SOVIET
MILITARY SUPPLIES WHICH WAS SOURCE OF ANXIETY TO GRUC; (B)
DECLARATION OF EMPIRE BY BOKASSA DOES NOT IN GURC VIEW
CONTRIBUTE TO STABILITY IN REGION; (C) WHILE GURC HAS HEARD
THAT NEW PRESIDENT OF CONGO PURSUING MORE MODERATE POLICIES
THAN NGOUABI, THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN PRESIDENTS
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AND AS FAR AS HS KNOWN CUBAN AND RUSSIAN ADVISORS REMAIN; (D)
GABON RELATIONS PERHAPS BEST IN AREA, BUT THERE WAS BORDER
INCIDENT WHICH WAS CAUSE FOR CONCERN ON PART GURC; (E) EQUATORIAL
GUINEA RELATIONS HAVE NOT IMPROVED AND GURC DECIDED WITHDRAW
CHARGE BECAUSE OF HARRASSMENT; (F) NIGERIA BORDER TROUBLES

CONTINUE WITH SEVERAL INCIDENTS BETWEEN GURC AUTHORITIES AND NIGERIANS AND FINALLY (G) THE MOST WORRYING OF ALL SITUATIONS WAS ZAIRE AND THE SHABA INCURSION. BELLO THOUGHT THAT THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM SHABA WAS THAT A COUNTRY THAT FELT THERE WAS A THREAT TO ITS SECURITY SHOULD MAKE ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS TO INSURE IT HAD THE MEANS TO DEAL WITH POTENTIAL THREATS BEFORE THEY BECAME ACTUAL IN ORDER TO AVOID OVER-DEPENDENCE ON OTHERS IF AND WHEN AN EMERGENCY REALLY DID OCCUR. FOR THAT REASON CAMEROON SHOULD TAKE MEASURES NOW THAT WERE FELT NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITS SECURITY.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO MEET ITS REQUIREMENTS AND THREATS, BELLO SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND SET UP AN APPOINTMENT FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL HAVE THE USDATT NDJAMENA PRESENT.
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